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In re application of

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

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Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For			
All Claims	38 -	35 =	3 X	\$18.00	= \$54.00
Independent	3 -	3 =	X TOTAL	\$86.00	= \$.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$54.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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